

## Claims

1. A contribution processing device, comprising:

receiving means for receiving image data of content which is supplied from a content providing device over a network;

display means for displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received by said receiving means;

contribution data creating means for creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

transmitting means for transmitting said contribution data created by said contribution data creating means to said content providing device over said network.

2. The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating means displays a contribution amount selection screen showing a plurality of amounts on said display means in response to the selection of said contribution button, and creates said contribution data corresponding to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

3. The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating means creates said contribution data equivalent to an amount which is directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

4. The contribution processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said contribution data creating means changes an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected, and creates said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

5. A contribution processing method, comprising:

a receiving step of receiving image data of content supplied from a content providing device over a network;

a display step of displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received at said receiving step;

a contribution data creating step of creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on

said content display screen; and

a transmitting step for transmitting said contribution data created at said contribution data creating step to said content providing device over said network.

6. The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein

said contribution data creating step is to display a contribution amount selection screen displaying a plurality of amounts in response to the selection of said contribution button, and to create said contribution data equivalent to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

7. The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein

said contribution data creating step is to create said contribution data equivalent to an amount which is directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

8. The contribution processing method according to Claim 5, wherein

said contribution data creating step is to change an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed

minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected, and to create said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

9. A contribution accepting device comprising:

contribution data receiving means for receiving from a user's terminal contribution data equivalent to an amount decided by a user as evaluation of provided content;

storage means for storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

charge processing means for charging said user for said amount equivalent to said contribution data.

10. The contribution accepting device according to Claim 9, wherein

said contribution data accepting means receives only said contribution data equivalent to said amount more than a fixed minimum amount.

11. A contribution accepting method comprising:

a contribution data receiving step of receiving from a user's terminal contribution data of an amount decided by a user as evaluation of provided content;

a storing step of storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

a charge processing step of charging said user for said amount equivalent to said contribution data.

12. The contribution accepting method according to Claim 11, wherein

said contribution data accepting step is to receive only said contribution data equivalent to said amount more than a fixed minimum amount.

13. A program storage medium to make an information processing device execute a program, wherein

said program comprises:

a receiving step of receiving image data of content supplied from a content providing device over a network;

a display step of displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based on said image data received at said receiving step;

a contribution data creating step of creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on said content display screen; and

a transmitting step of transmitting said contribution data created at said contribution data creating step to said content providing device over said network.

14. The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said contribution data creating step is to display a contribution amount selection screen showing a plurality of amounts in response to the selection of said contribution button, and is to create said contribution data equivalent to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.

15. The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said contribution data creating step is to create said contribution data equivalent to an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected.

16. The program storage medium according to Claim 13, wherein said contribution data creating step is to change an amount directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed minimum amount, according to user's operations when the contribution button is selected, and to create said contribution data equivalent to the changed amount.

17. A program storage medium to make an information processing device execute a program, wherein

said program comprises:

a contribution data receiving step of receiving from a

user's terminal contribution data of an amount decided by a user as evaluation of provided content;

a storage step of storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

a charge processing means for charging said user for said amount equivalent to said contribution data.

18. The program storage medium according to Claim 17, wherein said contribution data accepting step is to receive only said contribution data equivalent to said amount more than a fixed minimum mount of money.

19. A contribution processing system, comprising:  
a content providing device for providing content in response to a request; and

a contribution processing device of receiving said content supplied from said content providing device over a network, and for making a contribution to the creator of said content, and wherein:

said contribution processing device, comprises:

receiving means for receiving image data of said content supplied from said content providing device over said network;

display means for displaying a content display screen having a given contribution button displayed thereon, based

on said image data received by said receiving means;

contribution data creating means for creating contribution data equivalent to a given amount corresponding to said contribution button when the contribution button is selected on the said content display screen; and

transmitting means for transmitting said contribution data created by said contribution data creating means to said content providing device over said network; and said content providing device, comprises:

storage means for receiving said contribution data transmitted from said contribution processing device over said network and for storing said contribution data in correspondence with said content; and

charge processing means for charging the user of said contribution processing device for an amount equivalent to said contribution data.

20. The contribution processing system described in Claim 19, wherein

said contribution data creating means displays a contribution amount selection screen showing a plurality of amounts in response to the selection of said contribution button and creates said contribution data equivalent to said amount selected on said contribution amount selection screen.



21. The contribution processing system according to Claim 19,  
wherein

said contribution data creating means creates said  
contribution data equivalent to an amount directly entered in a  
contribution amount input area corresponding to said contribution  
button when the contribution button is selected.

22. The contribution processing system according to Claim 19,  
wherein

said contribution data creating means changes an amount  
directly entered in a contribution amount input area corresponding  
to said contribution button by the amount more than a fixed  
minimum amount, according to user's operations when the  
contribution button is selected, and creates said contribution  
data equivalent to the changed amount.

23. The contribution processing system according to Claim 19,  
wherein

said storage means receives only said contribution data  
equivalent to said amount more than a fixed minimum amount and  
stores the contribution data in correspondence with said content.